

## CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

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WORLD'S O. E. PRAYER CHAIN, SUBJECT FOR JUNE:—For all teachers of the young in Sunday schools, day schools, and colleges, that they may see their opportunity and responsibility, and that they may help their pupils to a higher plane of Christian living. That the Spirit of God may abide wherever youth are taught.

## True Men and Women.

DAILY READINGS.

First Day—A true man is brave—Neh. iv. 13-18.

Second Day—Sincere—Zech. viii. 16-23.

Third Day—Upright—Ps. cxix. 9-16.

Fourth Day—A true woman is loving—Exod. ii. 1-10.

Fifth Day—Helpful—2 Kings v. 1-14.

Sixth Day—Faithful—Luke xxiv. 1-10.

PRAYER MEETING TOPIC, JUNE 25th—TRUE MANLINESS AND WOMANLINESS.—Ps. xxxvii. 1-11.

We clip the following clearly and beautifully expressed thought on our topic from the "Open Meeting," in the *Golden Rule*:

Christ had the manliness to face the fiercest battle ever fought, but he had also the sweetness, gentleness, and tenderness of a woman. He was none the less manly for His womanliness. He was none the less womanly for his manliness. We may, by a close communion with Christ, attain true manliness and womanliness of character. G. L. O. Gilead, Conn. This idea is in direct harmony with what Paul says in Ephes. iv. 13.—"Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:" and in 1 Peter iii. 3, 4, "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, or of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price."

DOCTRINAL TEACHING.—The purpose of true manhood, *Shorter Catechism* Q. 1. How accomplished, *Shorter Catechism*, Q. 2, 35.

## FOR THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

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## International S. S. Lesson.

## LESSON XIII.—REVIEW.—JUNE 28.

GOLDEN TEXT.—"Repentance and remission of sins should be preached on His name among all nations."—*Luke xxiv. 47.*

CENTRAL TRUTH.—CHRIST'S WORDS.

ANALYSIS.—

A Risen Christ.—*Luke xxiv. 1-12.*Great Invitation.—*Luke xiv. 15-24.*Repentance, Return, Reception.—*Luke xv. 11-24.*Earth gained, Heaven lost.—*Luke xvi. 19-31.*Asking for Faith.—*Luke xvii. 5-19.*True Prayer.—*Luke xviii. 9-17.*Tested in Little.—*Luke xix. 11-27.*Excellency of His Love.—*Luke xx. 9-19.*Are you Ready for His Coming.—*Luke xxi. 20-36.*Christ Minded.—*Luke xxii. 24-37.*How we are Redeemed.—*Luke xxiii. 33-46.*Empty Tomb.—*Luke xxiv.*

Review.

## Help Along With Kind Words.

Cheery words cost little, but how much good they do; how they drive away melancholy, banish gloom and alleviate pain. The man who goes about saying them is the world's benefactor. Society is the better for his living. He does more for his generation by the simple fact of his cheery disposition, and his habit of stirring up the moody and imparting courage to the forlorn, than can be done by a hundred liberal men who have not a genial way of dispensing their liberality.

Many a time life seems hardly worth living to the hard beset, who have found trouble and sorrow, to whom the winds of fate have brought loss and wreck, or who have parted with their faith in humanity. At the period when they can scarcely lift their eyes from the ground, along comes, with his smile, and his cordial hand, and his look of genuine interest, one of the blessed souls whose errand seems to be to uplift his fellows. He does not say very much, nothing perhaps which can be remembered or recorded, but he leaves an impression of good comradeship, of sympathy. The man he meets is encouraged, and passes on with renewed strength to meet whatever there may be to encounter, says a writer in *Harper's Bazar*.

## OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

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## HOME MISSION WORK.

Deep down in Lillian Fargo's heart there was a longing to do something to make some one happy.

"If I only knew what I could do," she said softly to herself, one early spring morning, as she stood before a little bed of wild woodland violets, which occupied a sheltered corner of the flower-garden.

A little old woman came down the quiet village street and paused at the gate for a little chat with Miss Fargo.

"It's too bad about Dick Willard," she remarked, "You know he's been sick so long, an' he was tuk worse last night, an' the doctor says he can't last much longer. I'm jist goin' down to see if I can do anything."

"Wait just one minute, please," said Lillian, as she plucked a little bunch of the blue violets, the dew still sparkling on their petals and their fresh, sweet odor breathing of mossy dells and purling brooks.

"Would he care for these, do you think, Mrs. Jones?"

"Why, of course, Miss Fargo. I bet he would! Yes, I'll take 'em to him."

Dick Willard's sad, wan face brightened with a smile, such as it had not worn for days, as his slender fingers clasped the lovely flowers. And when, a few hours later, the "angel of Death" came to him, he still held the tender blossoms.

It was only a little deed—a little act such as you and I might do any day; but don't you think those blossoms carried a message of love to that dying boy?

Everything in the world has a mission to fulfil, and the mission of flowers should be to bring sunshine into the shadowed world of care, sorrow, and sickness, to lighten the heavily burdened hearts of weary and discouraged humanity, and, by their purity and beauty influence for good some life, which, it may be, could be reached in no other way.

All around us, whether in noisy, bustling city or quiet country village, lie golden opportunities for doing good. There is always some one in need of help, and there are always so many little ways in which you can supply that help—a cheerful word, a simple little song for those of you who can sing, and for the sisters who have "flower-gardens" a few sweet blossoms.

The little deeds of kindness in our everyday life are Home Mission work by which we can help in winning the "world for Christ."—*Presbyterian Banner*.

We must make time to be alone with God. The closet and the shut door are indispensable. We must escape the din of the world to become accustomed to the accents of the still, small voice. Like David we must sit before the Lord. Happy are they who have an observatory in their heart-house to which they can often retire beneath the great heart of eternity, turning their telescopes to the mighty constellations that burn beyond life's fever, and reaching regions where the breath of human applause or censure cannot follow.

## HOW READEST THOU?

In the meetings of our Young People the Bible holds an important place, and in the private devotions of a large number the Bible is daily read. Yet it is generally conceded that the general knowledge of the Word of God thus gained is in the case of a large majority far from satisfactory. Even the international system of Sunday-school lessons, which has done much to secure a more or less thorough knowledge of separate passages, has failed to promote the study of entire books, and of the divine revelation as a whole. There is a feeling abroad, and quite generally expressed, that a more systematic and thorough study of the Bible is